

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AREA BOARD 2
MEETING MINUTES for SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2011
FNRC Office, Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anderson (9/9/11)
Marie L. Blair
Stephen Concklin
Rosie Ryan
Jean Phillips (9/8/11)
Colleen Ryberg
Steven Sharpe
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verdine Mertens

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, AB2 Executive Director
Sarah May, Community Program Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Dir.
Margaret Shipp, FNRC BOD, REI BOD
Mathew Shipp, FNRC Consumer
Ryan Duncanwood, Self Advocate, SABE Rep.
Kristen Vaughn, COMPASS Staff
Cindy Adams, COMPASS Staff
Izzy Cordoba, Self-Advocate
Stephanie Anderson, FNRC Consumer
Tammy Torum, WCALF Program Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER – September 8, 2011 – 1:00p.m. – Steven Sharpe, *Chair*

A. Introduction All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements Dinner pans were made.

C. Public Input Izzy Cordoba, reported that Rowell Family Empowerment Center of Northern Ca. (RFENC) is hosting a free Autism Awareness Expo on October 1, 2011 from 10am-2pm at Anderson River Park. Information flyers were provided.
Tammy Torum, WCALF's Program Manager, shared her concerns about SCDD's recent decision to discontinue funding People First of California. She expressed concerns regarding the notification process. Tammy's message is to support People First of California in their endeavor to rebuild and strengthen their organization.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Steven Sharpe, *Chair

***A.** Approval of June 23-24, 2011 Agenda -

MOTION – That the agenda be approved as written.

M/S/C – M. Yalow/L. Shipp/Passed Unanimously

***B.** Approval of September 8-9, 2011 Minutes -

MOTION – That the minutes be approved as written.

M/S/C – L. Shipp /J. Phillips/Passed Unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – Stephen Concklin, *Secretary*

Stephen Concklin, Board Secretary, read a letter written to Area Board 2 on 8/29/11 from Gary M. Chang, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs, Proxy Parent Foundation, nonprofit organization whose mission is to safeguard public benefits for disabled individuals. The purpose of the letter is to educate SSI recipients about rules and limitations and how Special Needs Trusts can be used to maintain financial stability.

Stephen encouraged AB2 Board members to attend the 2011 FOCUS Film Festival on October 12-13, 2011. Members are encouraged to communicate with office staff for travel accommodations. He also reported on 2011 Southern Oregon Pride Festival "We Are All Family" in Ashland on October 1, 2011.

4. COUNTY UPDATES – EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – All Members

Butte County– *Steve Sharpe* reported he is new Sargeant in Arms officer for Oroville People First. Their Chapter is getting organized and plan on doing fundraising activities. They want to network with other Region 2 People First Chapters for support and assistance.

Glenn County– *Jean Phillips* reported the Rusty Wagon project in Orland is open to the public and the Open House/Ribbon Cutting event will be September 14, 2011 at noon.

Mike Yalow reported the Rusty Wagon is interviewing sales assistant positions and shared highlights of operations of business. He shared upcoming fundraiser project (waffle ball tournament). The Glenn County Coordinating Council meeting is September 13, 2011 at Round Table Pizza, starting at 11:30am. Mike reports that collaborative efforts between city and county representatives are occurring for employment opportunities. He also shared his Rural Tourist business plan.

Plumas County - *Debbie Anderson* reported (9/9/11) on Plumas Rural Services ALIVE Program and shared the program has new participants from high school. She also reported that her daughter, Stephanie, has opportunities to share her sign language skills with others. Debbie reported that Quincy is excited about the upcoming FOCUS Film Festival free screening of Crazy Sexy Cancer and is assisting in marketing the event.

Shasta County – *Rosie Johansen* reported on Region 2 People First Vote Project. She shared that Region 2 will be organizing a conference in 2012, held at Gaia Hotel in Anderson. They plan on raising money through fundraising efforts. She also shared her satisfaction with her current housing support through California Mentor.

Marie Blair reported on Shasta County Coordinating Council projects including the free community film screening of STRONG LOVE on November 3, 2011 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Shasta College, room #802. She shared that this is a collaborative effort with FOCUS Film Festival, SCCC, Shasta College DSPS and Shasta SELPA CAC. She also reported on the Nor-Cal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing presentation to SCCC on July 21, 2011. She and Rosie will be attending the first Media Committee meeting on September 22, 2011.

Siskiyou County – *Stephen Concklin* reported Siskiyou Opportunity Center has a Board member open position however it is a conflict of interest for him to serve due to his AB2 representative role. He plans on participating in an advisory committee capacity and continue attending the meetings as interested community member. Stephen also reported that he is networking with the Director of transition services at the college.

Tehama County – *Larry Stevens* reported is recent collaborative project for Tehama District Fair – Special Peoples Day on September 23, 2011. He coordinated Mains'l 7th Street Centre for the Arts Theatre in the Now to perform "On Your Mark, Get Set, Advocate!" He also networked to include WCALF's Vote Project and a voter registration event for consumers by consumers. Larry gathered numerous marketing materials regarding upcoming events in our region, including FOCUS Film Festival information and agency resources. Larry hopes to increase participation and awareness of community resources and support.

Trinity County – *Colleen Ryberg* reported on Shascade Community Services Tie Dye Shop in Weaverville. She reported observing only 4 consumers participating and expressed concerns regarding the program. Colleen plans on visiting the program more often to get an accurate picture of the operations.

5. SCDD REPORT – Leroy Shipp, AB2 SCDD Representative

Leroy reported that SCDD adopted Employment First Policy – a vision of Californians with developmental disabilities working in competitive integrated employment. SCDD will no longer provide funding to People First of California effective 10/1/2011. Employment First and PFCA topics triggered lengthy discussion with AB2 Board members regarding the issues.

6. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, Executive Director

Laura reported on 2012 FNRC Performance Contract and reviewed the outcomes and performance. FOCUS Film Festival on October 12⁻¹³, 2011 at El Rey Theatre in downtown Chico. Laura expressed thanks to Area Board 2 for continued support of the festival. Laura also reviewed Highlights of Approved State Budget 2011/2012 – Summary of Impact on Individuals and Families, including the new Trailer Bill requirements. Due to furlough requirements, FNRC will be closed the third Friday of every month. FNRC will market RFP for an agency to hire consumers to conduct independent assessments for new SLS requirements.

7. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST II REPORT – Sarah May, CPSII

A. Community Outreach Report - Sarah reviewed current activities and projects, including DAT, SCCC projects, Advocacy Networking, trainings attended, community outreach activities advocacy assistance for 4 families regarding special education/IEP compliance issues.

B. Transition Work Group Update - Sarah provided update on Shasta County Transition Partnership and the upcoming Statewide Transition Alliance's Regional Transition Leadership Institute focusing on preparing youth to leave high school ready for post secondary education, careers and post-school support using a collaborative team approach. The conference will be Oct 31-Nov 1, 2011 at Carlino's Event Center (located inside Rolling Hills Casino). Registration is due Oct 14, 2011.

C. BCCC 16th Annual Recognition Celebration - Sarah provided update regarding the event and the committee will be selecting honorees on 9/22/11. Carol Risley will be the guest speaker and we are hopeful for a successful evening.

8. RECESS 4:35 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY AT FNRC OFFICE, CHICO

1. CALL TO ORDER – September 9, 2011 2011 – 9:01a.m. – Steven Sharpe, Chair

A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements – Sarah gathered hotel receipts and paperwork with signatures.

C. Public Input – None.

2. AREA BOARD 2 BY-LAWS – All Board Members

A. Review and Discussion – Robin reviewed By-Law recommended amendments. She also recognized Margaret Shipp who assisted in the revisions that were approved 11/13/09.

B. Recommended Amendments for November meeting Action – All proposed amendments were reviewed. There was a lengthy discussion about: Article IV, Membership, Section 6. Conflict of Interest with the main concern being consumers and parents employed by a DD service provider agency, being denied service on Area Board; and, Article V,

Meetings Section 6 Voting with Board members strongly advocating the use of a written ballot but with the public announcement of how each member voted. Staff will redraft these two sections, get SCDD legal opinion and bring back to the Board for a final vote in November.

MOTION – Approval of recommended By-Law amendments, with final review and approval at the November 10-11 AB2 BOD meeting.

M/S/C – L. Stevens/M. Yalow/Passed Unanimously

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, *AB2 Executive Director*

- A. Activity Report** – In addition to her written report, Robin reported SCDD provided AB's their 2011/2012 allocation. AB2's was reduced by \$2,435, but still manageable. Leroy advocated for increased travel funds. Robin noted the Governor's Order restricting travel outside a catchment area at this time. The SCDD is upgrading its website and each AB will add local resources and links. Annual BSG State Plan report is due 10/31/11 documenting AB activities from 10/1/10-9/30/11. Robin has been working with Ed Wrona, Social Security Administration, on an article "Why Work is Good" to be posted on FNRC website with an "Ask the Expert" feature, questions and answers.
- B. Regional Self Advocacy Funds/Projects** – Robin reported on SCDD plan to support regional self advocacy activities. Each AB will be allocated 10K to contract with a local provider to facilitate self advocacy activities. WCALF will work with AB2 on this project. Robin shared project ideas with board members support.
- C. Other** - Robin reported on her participation with Disability Rights California (DRC) Vote Project with WCALF, FNRC and OCRA. She's working with local company to transfer the first 1975 film made about People First in Oregon to DVD to share and preserve history. She is collaborating with RFENC to provide training to Spanish families focusing on "Keeping Your Child Safe." At PFCFA conference Robin acquired the ESCAPE DD Abuse Prevention Program, from New York. She identified 3 key providers, Mains'l, WTC, and Caminar to pilot this 12 lesson curriculum in day programs.

4. CLOSED SESSION/PERSONNEL – Robin Keehn, *AB2 Executive Director*

5. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Steven Sharpe, *Chair*

After almost 28 years of service to the Area Board 2 and our community Robin announced she will be retiring. Her last day will be 12/30/11. The Board expressed heartfelt appreciation. The process for recruiting and hiring a new Executive Director was discussed, including formation of an Ad Hoc Search Committee and the support to be provided by the State Council headquarters.

MOTION – To accept the retirement of Robin Keehn, Executive Director with regret and form an Ad Hoc Search Committee with the following members: Larry Stevens, Chair, Leroy Shipp, Rosie Ryan, Mike Yalow and Steven Concklin.

M/S/C – M. Yalow/M. Blair/Passed Unanimously

6. ADJOURN – 12:04 p.m. – Next Meeting – November 10-11, 2011 – Oxford Suites in Redding